Funds for slums development in Metro Cities

1380. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to the Metropolitan cities for development of slums under the various schemes during the last three years, till date;

(b) whether the metropolitan cities have utilized the amount fully; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by Government for its effective utilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Slum Development is a State subject. The State Governments formulate specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slums in various cities as per their priorities and make necessary provisions therefor.

With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the slum dwellers a programme known as National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) was launched at the National level by the Government in August, 1996 for the development of urban slums. Funds under NSDP are allocated as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to various States. Further allocation of funds to the various towns/cities including the metropolitan cities is under the jurisdiction of State Governments.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Vacant DDA land

1381. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of land is lying vacant in many new localities that the DDA developed in the recent past which was to be made into some civic amenity including shopping centres, schools, libraries, health centres, etc. but was not constructed by DDA;

(b) the details of the DDA land lying vacant in such localities; and